



Coronavirus *Financial Support*

COVID-19 has millions of workers unemployed. Families In Schools has compiled a list of resources including discounts, deferred payment supports, and other financial resources to support families and individuals across California.

Stimulus check (Nationwide)

\$1,200 Direct Checks

- One time payment of \$1,200 if you make less than \$75,000 (\$150,000 salary and \$2,400 check if married). You'll receive an additional \$500 per child under 17
- Not subject to income tax
- Based on 2019 federal tax returns, if already filed, and otherwise on 2018 returns
- Will be sent through a direct deposit

Read more <https://bit.ly/2KF4wSt>

Unemployment (Nationwide)

- \$600/week federal increase on top of existing state benefits for up to 4 months
- Freelancers and contractors can now use the benefit

Read more <https://bit.ly/3bMjKkx>

Student Loans (note these changes only apply to federal loans)

- 0% interest for 6 months, happens automatically
- Payments suspended for 6 months, happens automatically
- The 6 months of suspended payments count towards loan forgiveness programs
- Employers will receive a tax break when they contribute to their employees' student loans

Read more <https://bit.ly/2KHVowb>

Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants in California

On April 15, Governor Newsom announced one-time disaster relief assistance for undocumented Californians impacted by COVID-19. Eligible Californians may receive one-time COVID-19 disaster relief assistance at a value of \$500.

Read more <https://bit.ly/2W6Hedj>

Utilities

Across California

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) – Low-income customers that are enrolled in the CARE program receive a 30-35 percent discount on their electric bill and a 20 percent discount on their natural gas bill. For a list of phone numbers to call visit <https://bit.ly/2y8pZQZ>.

Utilities SoCalGas

SoCalGas is providing an assistance program called “California Alternative Rates for Energy” or “CARE” which can save families 20 percent on their monthly natural gas bill. To see if you qualify, complete a quick online application <https://bit.ly/3eXgTHv>. Applications are available in

- English <https://bit.ly/2SxWGhV>
- Spanish <https://bit.ly/2W3R5AG>
- Chinese <https://bit.ly/2ySDiVP>
- Korean <https://bit.ly/2yRuAak>
- Vietnamese <https://bit.ly/3eU1xTU>

The Gas Assistance Fund is providing one-time grants, not to exceed \$100, to individuals and families. Based on yearly household income, check to see if you qualify here. <https://bit.ly/3bMkBBL>

SoCalGas’ Medical Baseline Allowance program provides individuals with serious health conditions additional natural gas at the lowest rate (eligibility not based on income but individual’s medical condition and need for extra heat in their home). For more information and to see if you qualify, click here. <https://bit.ly/2zyoFqO>

Southern California Edison

- Southern California Edison is providing an assistance program called “California Alternative Rates for Energy” or “CARE” which can save families 20 percent on their monthly natural gas bill. To see if you qualify, complete a quick online application <https://on.sce.com/3aM4kvd>. Applications are available in
 - English <https://on.sce.com/3aM4kvd>
 - Spanish <https://on.sce.com/2VJeXum>
 - Chinese <https://on.sce.com/2KJKFBq>
 - Korean <https://on.sce.com/2VOZd9r>
 - Vietnamese <https://on.sce.com/2yOTalX>
- If you or someone in your household requires the regular use of electrically-powered medical equipment or other qualifying medical devices, you may be eligible for SCE’s Medical Baseline Allowance program.
<https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline>

Funds to support those economically affected by COVID-19

National

- National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) Coronavirus Care Fund. Their application is currently closed, but you can visit the NDWA COVID-19 site <https://bit.ly/2yNO5jX>, or text RELIEF to 97779 to get updates.
- Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Program via Restaurant Workers’ Community Foundation assistance for those employed by restaurants or bars. Link to application in English <https://bit.ly/2KF5Qop>, Link to application in Spanish <https://bit.ly/35dfPe5>
- Another Round, Another Rally Emergency Assistance to provide \$500 in relief grants. To apply visit <https://bit.ly/2WbzFSP>
- Bartender Emergency Assistance Program. For eligibility requirements visit <https://bit.ly/35co0as>. To apply visit <https://bit.ly/3d0JB8z>.
- Children of Restaurants Employees Support Grants for food and beverage service employees with children who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have experienced a major medical diagnosis. For eligibility requirements visit <https://bit.ly/2SiKVeR>. To apply visit <https://bit.ly/2VJljJe>.
- Restaurant Relief Fund, for eligibility requirements, visit <https://bit.ly/2W6Hyc9>. To apply visit <https://bit.ly/3bLh86g>.
- Entrepreneurship Fund for undocumented entrepreneurs. To apply visit <https://bit.ly/2SeH5mT>.

California

- One Fair Wage – Emergency Coronavirus Affected Workers Support Fund: restaurant workers, delivery workers, app-based delivery drivers, and other tipped workers. Application in English here <https://bit.ly/3cRd1Wq>, and in Spanish here <https://bit.ly/3bN4uDV>.
- This list <https://bit.ly/2KHGDd1> was compiled by KQED for the freelance community in the Bay Area. The list includes funds for artists, writers, musicians, and more.

Los Angeles

- Mayor’s Fund for Los Angeles: Angeleno Fund. Visit <https://bit.ly/2W3SAyO> to learn more.
- One Family LA fund is dedicated to supporting families with children from ages Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade who live within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Application in English here <https://bit.ly/2yWF340>, application in Spanish here <https://bit.ly/3faR4no>.
- Street Vendor Emergency Fund: Those that can donate may visit the United Way Los Angeles Pandemic Relief Fund <https://bit.ly/2Yq5Gfd> or visit their Go Fund Me page <https://bit.ly/2VfQa0Z>. For street vendors that need support please call (323) 388-3724.

For a comprehensive list of funds please visit <https://bit.ly/2KKuFz2>.

For a comprehensive list of funds for undocumented immigrants please visit <https://bit.ly/3bPpN7N>.